approved holding of tennis events of the Ist Afro-Asian Games at this venue. Accordingly, on the recommendations of IOA, Government approved R.K. Khanna Stadium as a venue for Lawn Tennis competition for the Ist Afro-Asian Games. Hence, upgradation works of the existing infrastructure was taken up.

(c) and (d) The allocation of funds was for the upgradation of existing infrastructure for Tennis competition of international standard for the Afro-Asian Games, 2001 and not for the development of new Tennis facilities.

Repair of Indira Gandhi Stadium

2923. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than one crore was spent on repair of the leaking roof of Indira Gandhi Stadium in the past;

(b) if so, whether the roof is still leaking, with no permanent solution;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government have allocated a further amount of Rs. 50 lakhs for the same, for preparations of Afro-Asian Games; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKIRISHNAN): (a) Yes, Sir. Rectification work of the Indira Gandhi Stadium for an amount of Rs. 1.1. crore was entrusted by the Sports Authority of

India (SAI) to the U.P. Rajkiya Nirman Nigam, out of which an amount of approximately Rs. 40 lakhs was spent on leakage of roof during the year 1996-97.

(b) The leakage in the roof persisted. Finding a permanent solution requires a further scientific study.

(c) The scope of work was found to be wider than what was approved and the resources available with SAI were not sufficient.

(d) Yes, Sir. However, it has been intimated that DDA had done the rectification of vertical joints and rivets for an amount of Rs.50 lakhs. Due to shortage of time, DDA had completed the work of vertical members without touching the horizontal members. As a result, substantial leakage could be stopped. There is a minor leakage from the horizontal members for which a rectification work has to be carried out by DDA.

(e) To overcome the existence of water leakage from the roof, total scope of work could not be attended to at the first instance.

The House is adjourned till Monday 11 a.m.

The House then adjourned at six minutes past eleven of the clock, till eleven of the clock on Monday, the 22nd April 2002.

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